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B. CHINESE FORCES LAOS COMMAND AND CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS AN UNIDENTIFIED ENTITY (MX1712) ACTIVE ON A RADIO FACILITY CONTROLLED BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST FORCES LAOS (CFL) HEADQUARTERS HAS, SINCE AT LEAST 8 SEPTEMBER, BEEN HANDLING CORRESPONDENCE FOR THE 125TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, LOCATED IN THE MUONG HOUN/PAK BENG AREA (QC 5630, 20-09N 101-27E/QC 2402, 19-54N 101-08E) OF NORTHERN LAOS. THE ROLE OF THIS ENTITY IN THE COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE OF THE CFL IS PRESENTLY UNDETERMINED; HOWEVER, ITS REAPPEARANCE IN JANUARY CLOSELY PARALLELED EVENTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE MOVE OF THE 125TH INFANTRY REGIMENT FROM THE MENGZU AREA (23-22N 103-24E) AREA OF CHINA INTO NORTHERN LAOS. (2/00 [] LSM/R17-72, 091610Z) ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ IV. GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES ACTIVITY GDRS SUMMARY CARGO TRANSPORTATION CONTINUES IN THE BINH TRAM 18 AREA IN SPITE OF THE FLOOD CONDITIONS. FURTHER REFERENCES TO ALLIED MINING OF RIVERS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WERE NOTED ON 8 SEPTEMBER. THE TRANSPORTATION OFFENSIVE IN THE BINH TRAM 12 AREA IS PROBABLY UNDERWAY ACCORDING TO REPORTS OF THE 65TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION. THE SEPTEMBER TOTALS REMAIN AT EIGHT INFILTRATION GROUPS AND FOUR SPECIAL PURPOSE GROUPS. FOR LOCATIONS OF GDRS FACILITIES, SEE 2/00/VCJ/R47-72. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ A. NORTH VIETNAM 1. GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS DESPITE THE FLOODING CONDITIONS IN SOUTHERN NORTH VIETNAM, BINH TRAM (BT) 26 ELEMENTS CONTINUE TO TRANSPORT CARGO BY BARGES ALONG THE GIANGH RIVER IN QUANG BINH PROVINCE. ON 10 SEPTEMBER AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE QUERIED Z7 (TRANSHIPMENT POINT) CONCERNING CARGO WHICH HAD BEEN LOADED ON BARGES 22 AND 40 THE PREVIOUS DAY. FARTHER NORTH IN THE BT 18 AREA OF OPERATIONS, ON 9 SEPTEMBER AN UNIDENTIFIED ASSOCIATE INFORMED THE BINH TRAM THAT THE SONG LA RIVER (UNLOCATED) HAD RECEDED 50 CENTIMETERS; HOWEVER, THE ROADS LEADING INTO AND OUT OF DUC TRUONG (UNLOCATED) WERE STILL FLOODED AND THE PERSONNEL HAD TO WADE THROUGH 1 METER OF WATER. THE ASSOCIATE FURTHER DISCLOSED THAT ONE MOTORIZED LAUNCH AND TWO BARGES, WHICH HAD BEEN SENT ON RESCUE OPERATIONS TO BT 25, HAD NOT YET RETURNED. AN EARLIER 7 SEPTEMBER REPORT MENTIONED THAT THE WATER LEVEL COULD RISE HIGHER THAN THE FLOOD OF 1960. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ 2. MATERIEL MOVEMENT ON 10 SEPTEMBER AN UNIDENTIFIED BT 18 ASSOCIATE REPORTED THAT THE A4 STORAGE FACILITY (UNLOCATED) HAD DISPATCHED TO BT 25 THREE VEHICLES OF THE 4TH COMPANY WITH 100 CASES/8,110 KG OF 130-MM AMMUNITION AND 65 CASES/4,095 KG OF 122-MM HOWITZER AMMUNITION DESTINED FOR SOUTH VIETNAM. REMAINING IN STORAGE WAS FIVE CASES/315 KG OF 122-MM HOWITZER AMMUNITION. ~~(SECRET SPOKE)~~ B. MILITARY REGION 559 GENERAL DEVELOPMENTS IN LAOS, THE POSSIBLE SHOOTDOWN OF AN A7 BY THE PROBABLE 2D COMPANY OF THE 31ST ENGINEER BATTALION, BT 32, WAS DISCLOSED ON 8

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SEPTEMBER. AN ELEMENT OF BT 32 REPORTED THAT IT HAD SEEN THE 2D COMPANY FIRE AT AND HIT AN A7 WHICH WAS FLYING FROM THE NORTHEAST TO THE SOUTHWEST. THE AIRCRAFT THEN BURST INTO HUGE FLAMES. NO FURTHER DETAILS WERE GIVEN. FARTHER SOUTH, HQ, BT 37 WAS LOCATED WITHIN 1000 METERS OF YB 298018 (14-28N 107-07E) ON 10 SEPTEMBER. THIS REPRESENTS A SOUTHWESTERLY RELOCATION OF 4 KILOMETERS FROM ITS 30 AUGUST 1971 LOCATION AT YB 441412 (14-50N 107-16E). THE BT 12 TRANSPORTATION OFFENSIVE IN SOUTH VIETNAM IS APPARENTLY UNDERWAY. ON 9 SEPTEMBER AN ELEMENT OF THE BT 12 REPORTED THAT THE 65TH TRANSPORTATION BATTALION'S TRANSPORTATION OFFENSIVE WAS GOING WELL AND THAT THE ROADS IN THE AREA OF THE 2D ENGINEER BATTALION WERE ALL CLEAR. ON 10 SEPTEMBER SIX VEHICLES CARRYING GASOLINE, FOOD AND AMMUNITION WERE NOTED BEING SEND TO AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION. XXHH 900 #8965 NNNH

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